



Meeting Time & Place: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 8:30 a.m., The Cove Deli, Polson.

In Attendance: Whitney Cantlon with Country Pasta; Donna Mitchell with Kicking Horse Job Corps; Jessie Miller with First Citizens Bank; Todd Erickson and Blakely Phillips with Lake County Job Service; Dawn Lynch with Lake County OPA; Bob Marsenich with Treasure State Mercantile/Glacier HR; and Amber Pacheco-Holm with Polson Chamber of Commerce.

Guests: Rex Weltz, Jesse Yarbrough, and Angela Mock with Polson High School.

Presentation: Rex and Jesse presented on Graduation Matters Polson. The program objectives are to increase the rate of Polson students graduating from high school ready for college and the workforce; to establish a support network between schools, businesses, and community organizations for student success; and to create school-based and community-based opportunities to inspire students to stay in school and graduate. 70% of all Montana students are in Graduation Matters communities. We have requested the PowerPoint presentation and will send it out once we receive it.

Angela gave a presentation on her Life Skills program. The program focuses on transitioning special education students to the “real world”. They need local employers willing to have a student come work in their business to gain on-the-job skills. The program is funded 100% by the school; all they need is a location and environment for their students to learn. Please contact Angela with ideas for placement (amock@polson.k12.mt.us or 406-883-6351).

Treasurer’s Report: Jessie reported that the current balance is \$9,106.65. That is with \$625 outstanding from the Workshop and approximately \$3,000 from SHRM.

Old Business:

Review/Approve Minutes: Dawn moved to approve the minutes as written, Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Workshop Report: Todd has been doing some follow up with workshop attendees and received some positive feedback. The surveys echoed that same information; people seemed overall very happy with the content and location of the workshop. There were 69 attendees, which gave us a profit of \$2,078.96. One suggestion we received from our survey was that they wanted more interaction and role playing. Whitney will contact Paul Hutter to see if he could put together a follow up workshop this fall that would go a little bit deeper into the subject. Debbie V. thought it was a good idea and a great topic.

New Business:

Harvest Update: Todd mentioned that the Job Service will still be involved with the Cherry Harvest this year. They will be making some changes as to how services are provided in the field. They expect the harvest to be mid-to-late July.

ABC Clinic: The 2013 ABC Clinic will be September 11th at Ninepipes Lodge. Stuart Morton, the owner, says that the room can accommodate up to 60 people in a classroom setup.

Member Survey: Whitney and Blakely are going to compile a member survey over the summer. The survey will ask the best day/time to meet, workshop/training topics, etc.

Goals for Next Year: Whitney mentioned that she would like to see us increase our membership and incorporate SHRM members into monthly meetings. She urged everyone to bring a guest to at least one meeting next year. She also suggested increasing the number of scholarships awarded from one to two while we have the funds to do so. It was also suggested that we could alternate meetings with presentations and general business meetings on a month-by-month basis.

Miscellaneous: Todd presented the following certificates of appreciation:

Whitney Cantlon – Workshop Committee, Employer of Choice Committee, and 2013 JSEC Chairperson

Debbie Vassar – Workshop Committee

Jessie Miller – Workshop Committee, Scholarship Committee, and 2013 JSEC Treasurer

Salisha Old Bull– Employer of Choice Committee

Ken Avison – Employer of Choice Committee

Jessie Going – Scholarship Committee

Theresa Jones – Scholarship Committee and 2013 JSEC Vice Chairperson

Thank you for your time and dedication! We'll see you "next year"!

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 10th, 8:30 a.m. at the Cove.